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Remarks:

The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Final Office Action mailed April 24, 2006.

Claims 3-21, 24-29 and 32-40 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 22, 23, 30 and 31 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 23 have been canceled herein and claims 3, 5, 7, 8, 12, 24-28, 39 and 40 have been amended. The amendments are fully supported in the specification and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

ALLOWED AND ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

Claims 13-21, 29 and 32-38 are allowed.

Claims 7 and 24 are objected to but indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claims 7 and 24 to be in independent form and have amended claims 3, 5, 8, 12, 25-28, 39 and 40 to depend from the allowable and now independent claims 7 and 24 such that claims 3-12, 24-28, 39 and 40 are now in condition for allowance.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-12, 23, 25-28, 39 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wood, Jr. et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,611,114, in view of Lautenschlager et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,557,827.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections under §103. However, in order to expedite prosecution and allowance of the claims, and without acquiescing in the rejection in any

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way, Applicants have canceled claims 1 and 23 without prejudice, so that the subject matter of these claims may be pursued in a continuation application in the future. Applicants have also amended claims 3, 5, 8, 12, 25-28, 39 and 40 to be dependent on the allowable and now independent claims 7 and 24, such that claims 3-12, 24-28, 39 and 40 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 3-21, 24-29 and 32-40 are pending in the application. It is respectfully submitted that claims 3-21, 24-29 and 32-40 are in condition for allowance, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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